

REMARKS

Entry of the preceding amendment is respectfully requested. The amendment is being made with respect to the English translation being submitted herewith.

Referring first to the amendment to the specification, the applicants prefer that the title read "AUDIO DIGITAL WATERMARK APPARATUS", as set forth on page 1 of the English translation. Apparently, as the undersigned attorney, unschooled in the Japanese language, understands, the Japanese words translated by WIPO as "AUDIO ELECTRONIC WATERMARKING DEVICE" may also be rendered as the preferred "AUDIO DIGITAL WATERMARK APPARATUS". As the records of the U.S. Designated Office may already show the title to be the former, the present amendment is being submitted to formally correct it.

As for the amendments to the claims, these have been submitted to change any multiple dependent claims to ordinary dependent claims both to reduce claim changes as well as to remove any possible grounds for objection under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75 (C).

Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested, as is an early indication that the present application has been accepted into the U.S. National Stage.

Respectfully submitted,



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